

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 93-26

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION
DEPARTMENTS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | State Law Change |
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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. I-25-91

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarifying information on the Independent Living Program (ILP) standards for eligibility based on age and case plan requirements.

Public Law 101-508 provides for ILP services for youth 16 and over who are in foster care, or who had been in foster care after their 16th birthday, up to the age of 21.

Some youth organizations, such as California Youth Connections, include members under the age of 16. Youth under the age of 16 are not eligible for ILP services under current federal statute. The age standard applies to youth receiving ILP funded services from community colleges, county welfare departments, contractors or volunteers.

For each child in placement, age 16 or older, the social worker shall develop a written transitional independent living plan which describes the programs and services, including employment, as appropriate, which will help the child prepare for the transition from foster care to independent living. This plan shall be incorporated into the case plan and a copy shall be given to each child receiving ILP services.

If employment is part of the written transitional independent living plan the case plan must state that the purpose of employment is to enable the child to gain knowledge of needed work skills, work habits, and the responsibilities of maintaining employment.

If you have any questions please contact your Child Welfare Services Operations consultant at (916) 657-2189.



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